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SUBJECT: U.S.-U.S.S.R. HOUSING AGREEMENT: VISIT OF SOVIET

SUBPROJECT SPECIALISTS UNDER WORKING GROUP 10.02

REF: A) MOSCOW 1156; B) STATE 26994; C) STATE 288580;  
D) MOSCOW 18881; E) STATE 306228; F) STATE 238586

1. BORUNOV'S REPORT (REF A) THAT SOLODENNIKOV, UPON REFLECTION, NOW CONCLUDES THAT THE SOVIET VISIT UNDER SUBPROJECT 1.1.1 BE POSTPONED IN ORDER THAT THE U.S. 1.1.1 TEAM VISIT THE U.S.S.R. FIRST (IN MARCH OR APRIL) GREATLY DISTURBS HUD. IT HAS BEEN NEARLY ONE YEAR SINCE THE WORKING GROUP MEETING IN WASHINGTON OF 10.02, AND STILL NO PROJECT OR SUBPROJECT VISITS HAVE TAKEN PLACE, ALTHOUGH U.S. HAS CONSISTENTLY TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO ARRANGE SUCH EXCHANGES. A VISIT OF AMERICAN EXPERTS UNDER 1.1.1 WAS ORIGINALLY

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PLANNED ACCORDING TO THE 10.02 PROTOCOL TO TAKE PLACE IN THE 3RD QUARTER OF 1976 PRIOR TO THE RECIPROCAL VISIT OF SOVIET SPECIALISTS ON THE SUBJECT. THE SOVIETS WERE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE DATES FOR THIS VISIT ON SEPTEMBER 25 (REF F). HOWEVER, THE SOVIETS DID NOT SUBMIT PRECISE DATES OR ITINERARY TO HUD IN TIME TO PERMIT PREPARATION OF A U.S. TEAM TO VISIT BY THE END OF 1976, AND SUCH WAS STATED IN STEGALL'S LETTER

OF NOVEMBER 2 (REF B). SUBSEQUENTLY, A COMPREHENSIVE

SCHEDULE OF VISITS FOR 1977 WAS PREPARED BY HUD AS THE SCHEDULE LISTED IN THE PROTOCOL WAS NOW WORTHLESS. THIS WAS TRANSMITTED ON NOVEMBER 25 (REF C). THE SOVIETS DID NOT APPEAR EVEN TO TAKE THE U.S. PROPOSAL INTO ACCOUNT BUT TRANSMITTED THEIR OWN VERSION OF A FIRST HALF 1977 SCHEDULE, DATED DECEMBER 2 (REF D). AS IT TURNED OUT, BOTH AMERICAN AND SOVIET PROPOSALS HAD THE SOVIET VISIT SCHEDULED BEFORE THE U.S. VISIT. HUD AGREED (REF E) TO THE SOVIETS' SCHEDULE IN THE INTEREST OF FINALLY GETTING THE EXCHANGES MOVING.

2. THE FEBRUARY 13-22 PERIOD FOR THE SOVIET VISIT OF 1.1.1 WAS SUGGESTED BY SOLODENNIKOV HIMSELF (REF D) AND THEREFORE, AS THESE DATES WERE THOSE DESIRED BY THE SOVIETS, THE PURPORTED UNAVAILABILITY OF A COUPLE OF SOVIET SPECIALISTS TO BE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM IS DIFFICULT TO CREDIT, ESPECIALLY AT THE LAST MINUTE. FURTHERMORE, BORUNOV'S COMMENT THAT PRIOR AGREEMENT FOR U.S. DELEGATION ON 1.1.1 TO VISIT THE U.S.S.R. BEFORE THE SOVIET VISIT WAS ONE REASON FOR POSTPONEMENT IS INEXPLICABLE, SINCE SOLODENNIKOV INITIATED THE CHANGE WHICH HUD ACCEPTED.

3. BECAUSE PARTICIPATION BY PRIVATE INDUSTRY IS MANDATORY TO THE SUCCESS AND OPERATION OF THIS WORKING GROUP, HUD WISHES TO TRY AT ALL COSTS TO AVOID FURTHER EMBARRASSMENT CAUSED BY THE EXCEPTIONAL RECORD OF SOVIET DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS IN 10.02. HENCE, ALTHOUGH PREPARATIONS TO RE-

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CEIVE THE SOVIET 1.1.1 DELEGATION ARE NEARING COMPLETION, HUD IS FEARFUL OF URGING THAT VISIT TAKE PLACE WITH SUCH A SHORT LEAD TIME LEFT TO FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS AND TO ALERT PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPANTS.

4. HUD ACKNOWLEDGES BORUNOV'S CONFIRMATION OF VISITS BY SOVIET TEAMS ON SUBPROJECT 1.1.2 AND PROJECT 1.3 MARCH 6-15, AND WILL AGAIN MAKE PLANS ACCORDINGLY. REQUEST NAMES OF SOVIET DELEGATES AND ANY ITINERARY REQUESTS ASAP. HUD CONFIRMS VISIT OF AMERICAN 1.1.1 DELEGATION TO U.S.S.R. MARCH 6-15, AND AMERICAN 2.1 DELEGATION TO U.S.S.R. MARCH 20-29. NAMES AND SUGGESTED ITINERARY REQUESTS WILL BE FORWARDED SHORTLY.

5. COMMENT: THE GREATEST PERCENTAGE OF POSTPONEMENTS AND LAST-MINUTE DELAYS UNDER THE HOUSING AGREEMENT HAS OCCURRED IN THIS WORKING GROUP, AND THEREFORE HUD IS LED TO BELIEVE THAT SOVIET INTEREST IN PURSUING COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES UNDER 10.02 (BUILDING SYSTEMS, UTILITIES, OR BOTH) IS

MARGINAL AND DECLINING. HUD WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CONFIRMATION OR INSIGHTS IN THIS REGARD WHICH SCIENCE COUNSELOR MAY GAIN FROM HIS MEETING WITH TERENTIEV AND BORUNOV. IF POST-

PONEMENTS CONTINUE, THE PARTICIPATION OF PRIVATE REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE UNCERTAIN (AS THEIR PRESENT OUTLOOK IS PESSIMISTIC), THE CONTINUING INTEREST AND ASSISTANCE OF HUD STAFF WILL BECOME QUESTIONABLE, AND THE FUTURE OF 10.02 WILL NEED TO BE RE-EVALUATED.

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